



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 8

999 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET - SUITE 300

DENVER, CO 80202-2466

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DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2004-0053

IN THE MATTER OF:

PROVIDENT ENERGY ASSOCIATES, LLC.

Respondent

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FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18, of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the Consent Agreement resolving this matter is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondents are hereby ORDERED to comply with all of the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by Respondents of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

July 2, 2004

DATE

SIGNED

Alfred C. Smith

Regional Judicial Officer



In the Matter of: )  
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Provident Energy Associates, LLC ) **EXPEDITED CONSENT AGREEMENT**  
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Respondent. ) **DOCKET NO.; CWA-08-2004-0053**

Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, and Respondent, Provident Energy Associates, LLC, by their undersigned representatives, hereby settle the civil cause of action arising out of violations of the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan regulations found during an inspection on September 11, 2003, and agree as follows:

The Clean Water Act (the Act), as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6), authorizes the Administrator of EPA to assess administrative penalties against any person who violates the oil pollution prevention (SPCC) regulations, promulgated at 40 CFR Part 112 under Section 311(j) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(j). This authority has been properly delegated to the undersigned EPA official.

Respondent owns and/or operates a crude oil tank battery,  
Two Medicine Cut Bank Sand Unit, Tract 7, located at 48° 29.434'  
N, 112° 22.004' W, Glacier County, Montana 59427.

Respondent admits its facility is subject to the SPCC regulations.

Respondent agrees to correct the items cited on the attached List of SPCC Violations within thirty (30) days unless an extension for achieving compliance is granted by EPA at its discretion and send a copy of the revised Plan to the person named below.

Respondent admits that EPA has jurisdiction in this proceeding.

Respondent waives its right to a hearing before any civil tribunal, to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in this agreement.

This agreement, upon incorporation into a final order, applies to and is binding upon EPA and upon Respondent and Respondent's heirs, successors and assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate status of Respondent, including but not limited to any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this agreement.

This Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed

to by the parties.

Respondent consents and agrees to the assessment of a civil penalty of \$1,950.00 which, shall be paid by sending, via certified mail, a cashier's or certified check for that amount, payable to "Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund" along with a signed copy of this agreement, to:

Donna K. Inman  
Technical Enforcement Program (8ENF-UFO)  
USEPA Region 8  
999 18th Street, Suite 300  
Denver, CO 80202-2466

Respondent further agrees and consents that if Respondent fails to pay the penalty amount as required by this agreement once incorporated into the final order, or fails to make the corrective measures to obtain compliance as represented, this agreement is null and void, and EPA may pursue any applicable enforcement options.

The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions for this agreement and to bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

The parties agree to submit this Consent Agreement to the

Regional Judicial Officer, with a request that it be incorporated into a final consent order.

Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys fees in connection with this matter.

This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final consent order by the Regional Judicial Officer and full satisfaction by the parties, shall be a complete and full civil settlement of the specific violations described in this agreement.

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION VIII,  
Office of Enforcement Compliance and Environmental Justice,  
Complainant.**

By : **SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_  
Elisabeth Evans, Director Date **6/30/04**  
Technical Enforcement Program  
**Provident Energy Associates, LLC, Respondent.**

By: **SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_ Name: **Gary L. Little**  
Title: **Manager**  
**6/25/04**  
Date

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **EXPEDITED CONSENT AGREEMENT/FINAL ORDER** in the matter of **PROVIDENT ENERGY ASSOCIATES, LLC., DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2004-0053** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on July 2, 2004.

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to David Janik, Enforcement Attorney, U.S. EPA - Region 8, 999 18th Street - Suite 300, CO 80202-2466. True and correct copies of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt on July 2, 2004, to:

Mr. Gary Little  
Provident Energy Associates, LLC  
2526 I East 71st Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136

and

Commander  
Finance Center (OGR)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
1430 A Kristina Way  
Chesapeake, VA 23326

July 2, 2004

**SIGNED**

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Tina Artemis  
Regional Hearing Clerk

**THIS DOCUMENT WAS FILED IN THE REGIONAL HEARING CLERK'S OFFICE ON  
JULY 2, 2004.**